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Chief Richard Barreto reports a significant drop in crime in Miami Beach

Miami Beach- At a press conference attended by elected officials and city administrators, Chief Richard Barreto released the City of Miami Beach Year 2000 Crime Statistics.

Part One Crimes, the "measuring stick" by which police departments across the nation measure their effectiveness, dropped 13.7% from 1999 to 2000.

Crimes such as Homicide and Motor Vehicle Thefts reflected a reduction of 40% and a 21% respectively, as compared to the 1999 figures. Other crimes such as Robbery, Burglary, Larceny and Aggravated Assault, showed a substantial reduction as well.

Chief Barreto attributed these favorable numbers to the relationship and cooperation that has existed between our community, elected officials, city administrators, as well as the hard work by the men and women of the Miami Beach Police Department.

Partnering, has allowed the Miami Beach Police Department to institute programs addressing issues affecting the youth and elderly of our community. Application of high technology systems which enhance and expedite police services, and local legislation have also contributed to this downward trend.

MBPD year 2000 Crime Report con.

UCR PART I OFFENSES

1999 vs 2000

OFFENSE	1999	2000	NUMBER INC OR (DEC)	PERCENT INC OR (DEC)
Homicide	10	6	(4)	(40%)
Forcible Rape	98	98	0	0
Robbery	561	543	(18)	(3.2%)
Aggravated Assault	731	676	(55)	(7.5%)
Burglary	2,010	1,669	(341)	(16.9%)
Larceny	9,254	8,077	(1,177)	(12.7%)
Motor Vehicle Theft	1,695	1,324	(371)	(21.9%)
TOTALS	14,359	12,393	(1,966)	(13.7%)

FIVE YEAR COMPARISON OF PART ONE UCR OFFENSES

